Raj Fed.	23.89
Panseed	29.99
Nafed	643.41
Tanfed	100.57
KSCMF	18.16
AP Markfed	38.39
GCC Andhra Pradesh	10.80
Sabakantha	0.64
Co-operative Societies	1.19

(b) It is not possible to indicate a firm date by when NTC will clear the outstanding dues of the different State Federations. However, the NTC is expected to clear the outstanding dues of various State Federations on availability of funds.

Passport Issued in Punjab

1324. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passports issued during the year 1995-96 and till date from various Zonal passport offices of the country, particularly in the State of Punjab, Zone-wise and District-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to provide passports within the reasonable time to the people of the Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The information regarding number of passports issued during the year 1995-96 and till date from various zonal passport offices of the country, particularly in the State of Punjab, zone-wise and District-wise is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Government have introduced a number of measures to streamline the procedures and systems to improve the functioning of the Passport Offices with a view to provide passports expeditiously to all applicants including those from the State of Punjab. These are:—

(i) Automatic re-issue of passport for 10 years or 20 years at the option of the applicant without police verification after expiry.

(ii) Thorough scrutiny of applications at the acceptance stage itself to check their completeness and correctness in all respects; processing of applications through computers; provision of temporary additional staff to Passport Offices whenever any exceptional increase in pendency is noticed; regular inspection of Passport Offices and follow-up action.

(iii) Expansion of the list of officers authorised to issue Verification certificates to include General Manager and above in Public Sector Undertakings of the Government of India and officers of the rank of Colonel and above in the Army and their equivalents in the Navy and Air Force.

(iv) Acceptance of photocopied passport application forms to eliminate long queues which lead to harassment of applicants.

(v) Setting up of Passport Advisory Committees.

(vi) Monitoring Cell headed by a Public Relations Officer directly under the charge of Chief Passport Officer set up in CPO Headquarters for speedy redressal of complaints.

Expansion of Trade and Industry in India

1325. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expansion of trade and industry in India is suffering from lack of proper roads;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the total kilometres of roads which require improvement and expenditure to be